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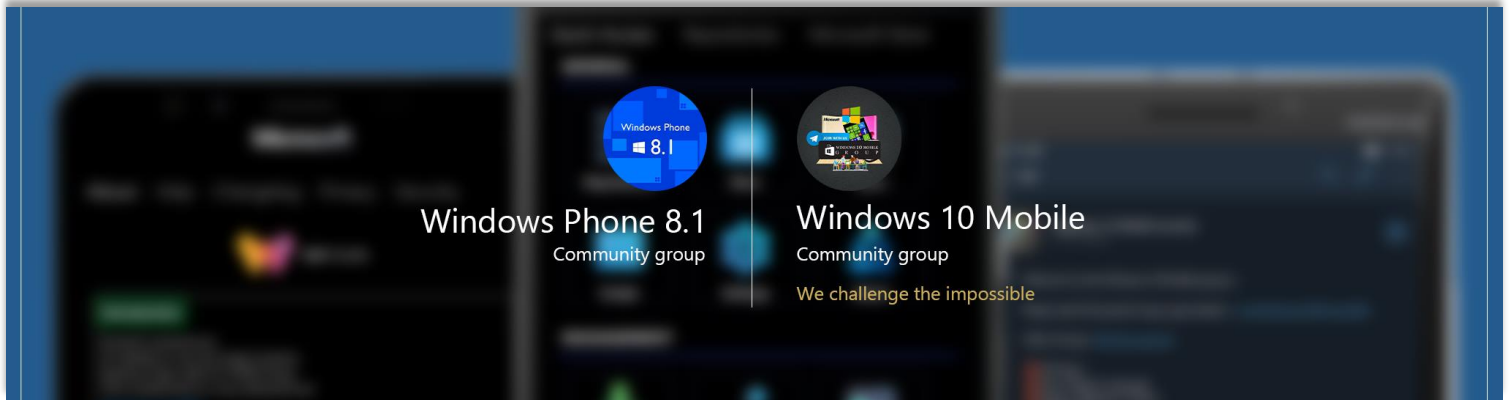
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HOW TO MANAGE / SET-UP DEFAULT APPS IN W10M

Requirements

- ❖ Interop Unlocked Windows 10 Mobile device.



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HOW TO SET DEFAULT APPS IN W10M DEVICES

- > *Set Default applications*
- > *Change between Default applications*
- > *Default application REGs*



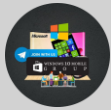
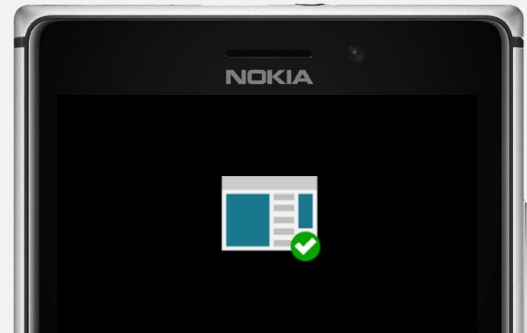


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Introduction

What is a default app?

Extensions are what differentiate files, there are countless file types and there are also countless applications which are designed to deal with each of those file types.

A default app is an application which is assigned to deal with a specific file type (extension), so that app will always open files of that said extension everytime.

Doesn't windows settings allow you to choose default apps?

This valid only for the PC counterpart; Windows 10.

It was said the default app settings will arrive with the creators update back in 2017 but only Windows 10 got it, **Windows 10 Mobile didn't get almost any of the major changes.**

That's why this guide exists to manually manage default apps in Windows 10 Mobile.

| NOTE

Not every app is capable of handling every File type, so *don't assign Apps to a file type which isn't designed to handle that type of files.*

Preparations



Download Interop Tools & install in your Lumia.



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Manage Default apps for the existing file types (extensions)

> Open **InterOp Tools**.

Choose **"This Device"** as the registry provider.

Select a provider for this application session

 This device 

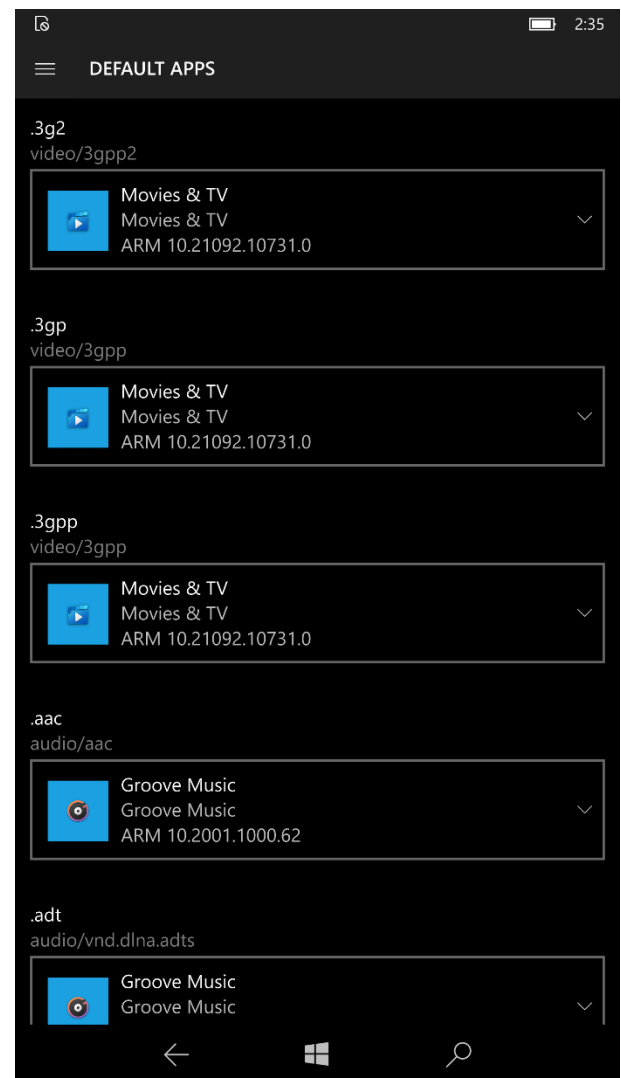
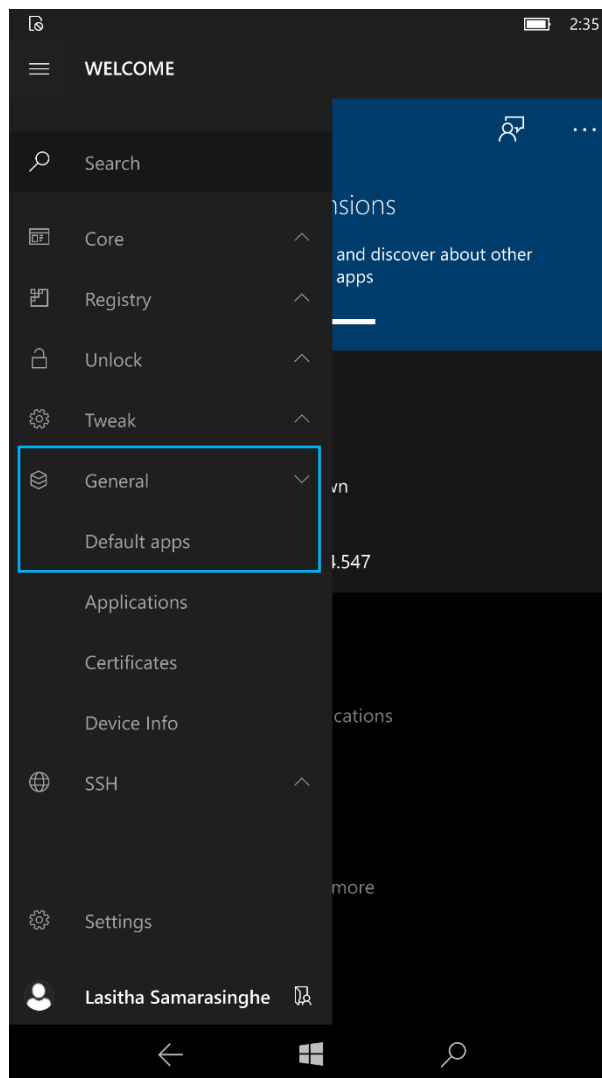
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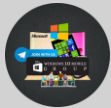
Use this provider

> Open the side menu & expand the **General** section.

There, click **Default apps** entry.

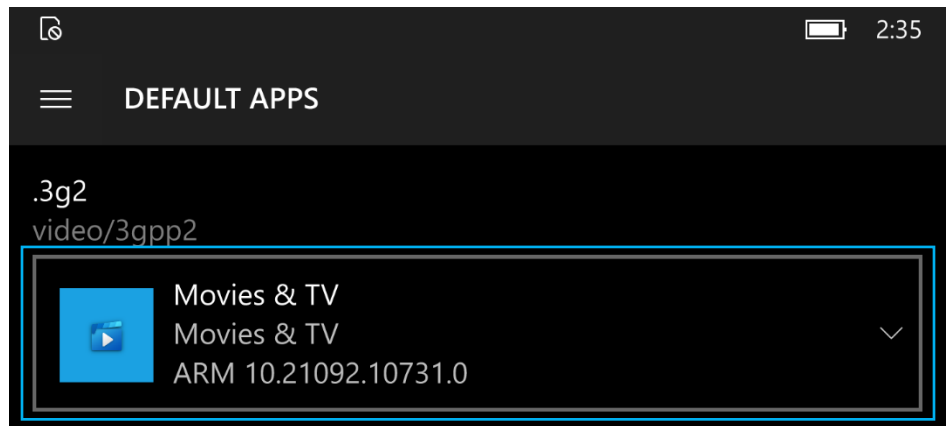
That will list all the default apps list for the existing file types (extensions) in your device.





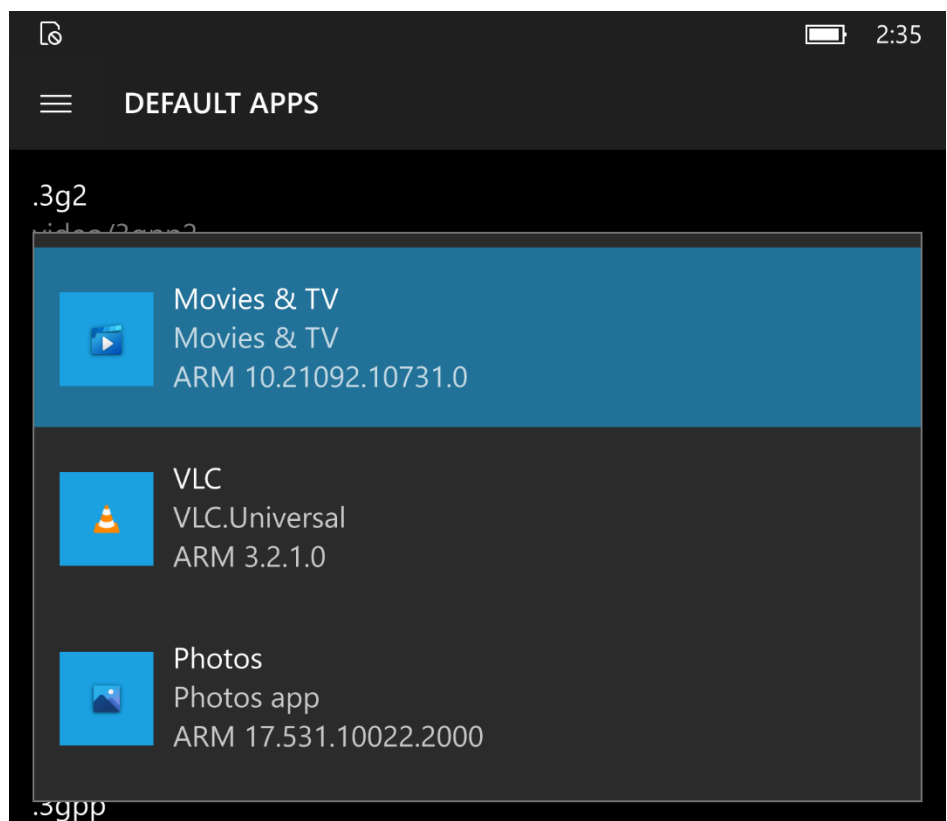
> In the list, find the file type (extension) you wanted.

Click on the default application details right below the extension you want to change.



> Choose the application you want from the list.

(It will only display apps which are installed & are compatible for that extension, if you have none, there will be no other app)



> Then, **reboot the phone to apply the default app** after changing it.

| EXTENSION YOU WANT IS MISSING IN THE LIST?

Then, that extension isn't registered currently in your system.

You will need to manually add it, for that, refer to the below topic!



Manually set-up default app for new file types

I will separate the two main steps that has to be done to achieve this;

1. Obtain the “Family Name” of the Default app
2. Assign Default app to the File type in registry

Obtain the “Family Name” of the Default app

TIP: The applications which you wish to set as the Default app must be already installed in the system.

> Open **Interop Tools**.

Choose “**This Device**” as the registry provider.

Select a provider for this application session

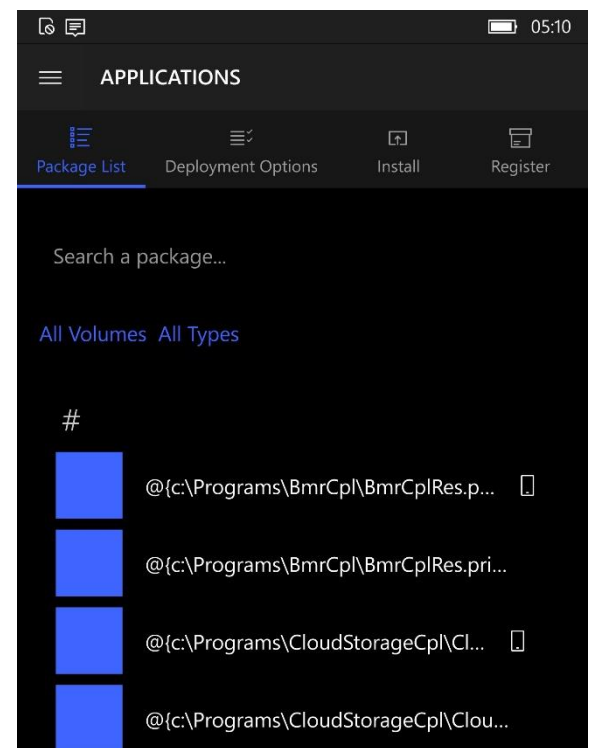
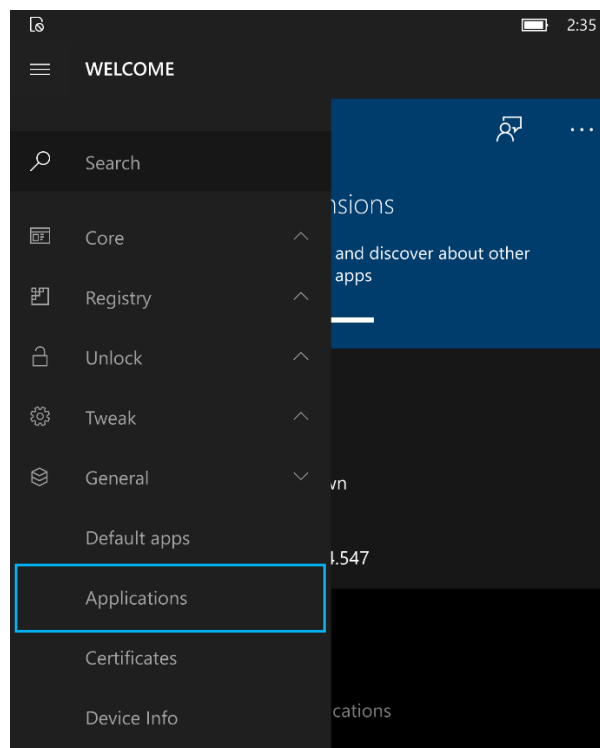
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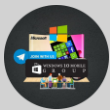
Connects to this device natively using different runtime components. Provides system level access for Nokia (excluding x50s), Samsung and LG devices. Other devices get normal access to the registry.

Use this provider

> Open the side menu & expand the **General** section & click on **Applications**.

Swipe left to go to **Package List**.





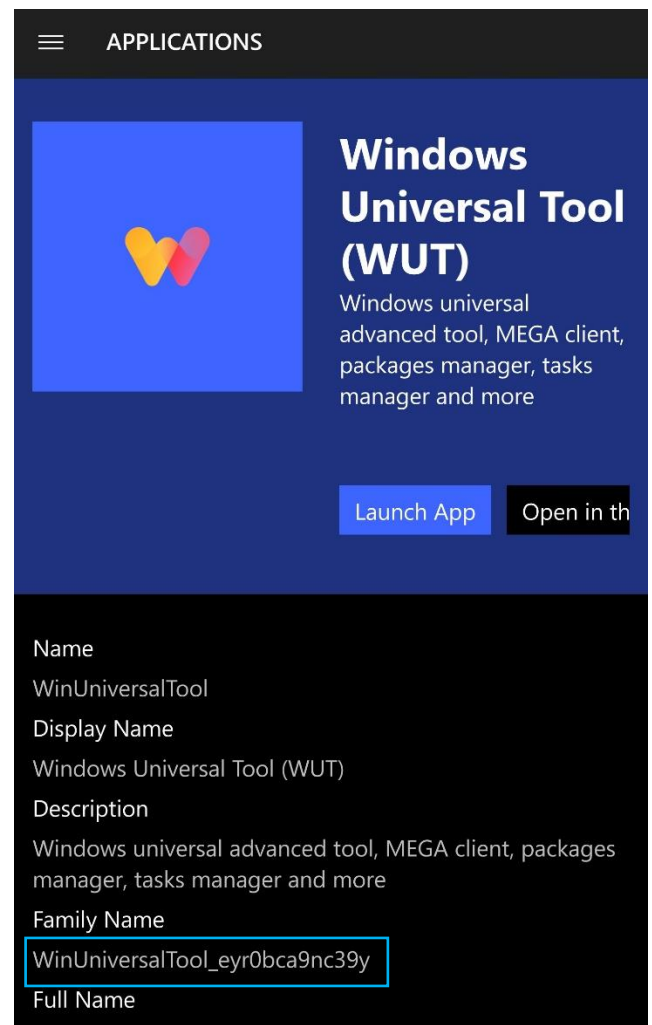
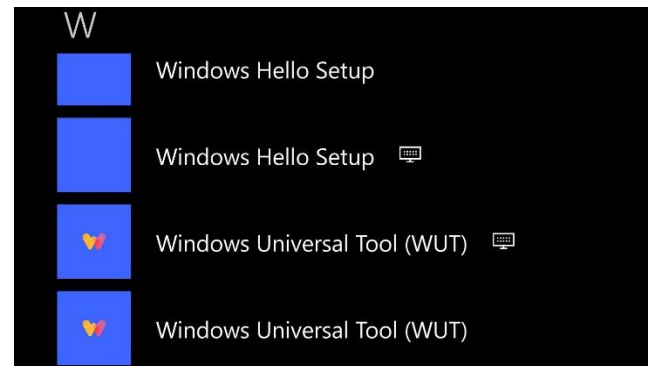
> Find the application you want among the list.

> Click on it to see details of the application,

TIP: If there are several instances to the same application name, click on any one of them.

> There click on the text right below the Family Name heading

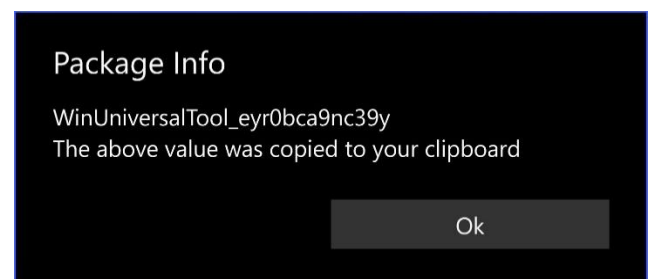
(The highlighted area in the sample image)



It will be automatically copied to your clipboard.

That's it for this step, now is to assign it in registry!

Proceed on.






Assign default app to the File type in registry

> Open **Interop Tools**.

Choose **"This Device"** as the registry provider.

Select a provider for this application session

 This device

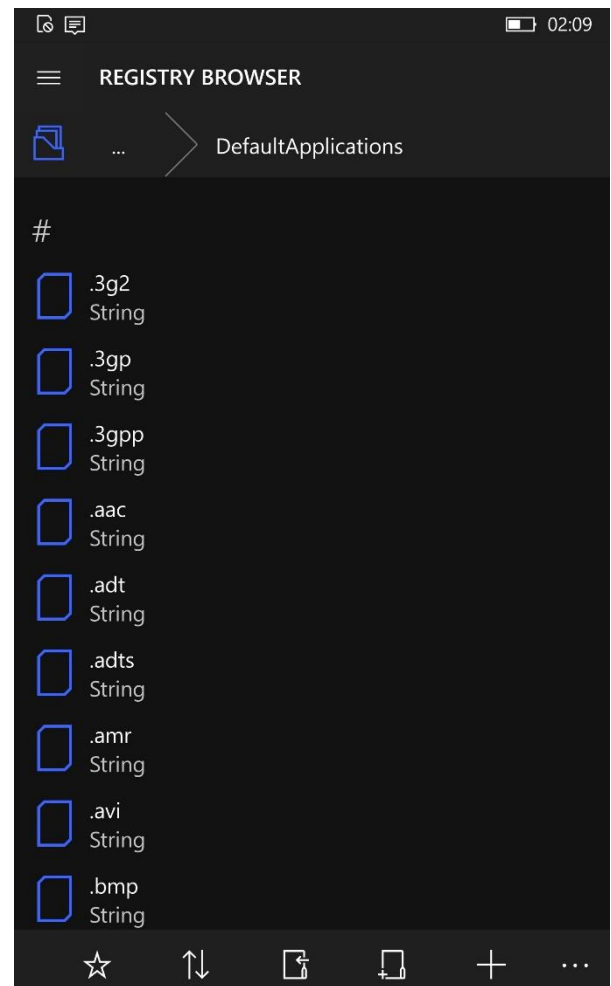
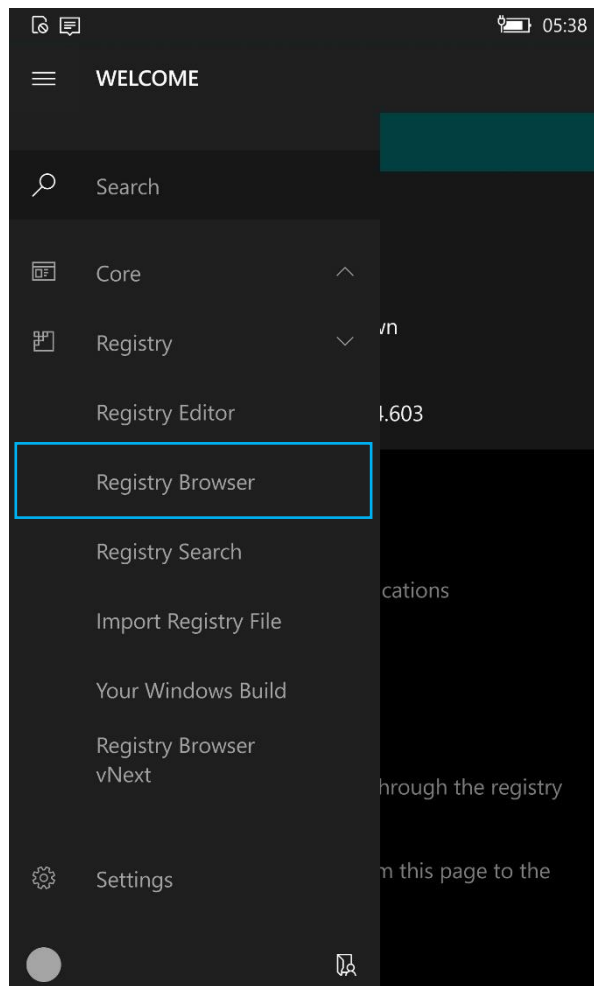
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Use this provider

> Open the side menu & expand the **Registry** section.

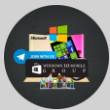
There, click **Registry Browser** entry & navigate to the below path.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE (HKLM) → SOFTWARE → Microsoft → DefaultApplications



> Now, click on the plus sign (+) on the bottom bar.





All you need to do now is to fill these two boxes with right data.

REGISTRY BROWSER

DefaultApplications

Create Value

Registry Value Name

Normal

Example: CurrentBuild

Registry Value Type

String (REG_SZ)

Registry Value Data

Example: 10240

/ Input the File Type

Examples: **.xap** , **.zip** etc...

/ Input the Family name of the application

We copied it in previous steps, so paste that here.

Registry Value Name

Normal

.xap

Registry Value Type

String (REG_SZ)

Registry Value Data

WinUniversalTool_eyr0bca9nc39y

An example image for better understanding

> Once you are done with filling, click on the tick (✓) in the bottom bar to save it.

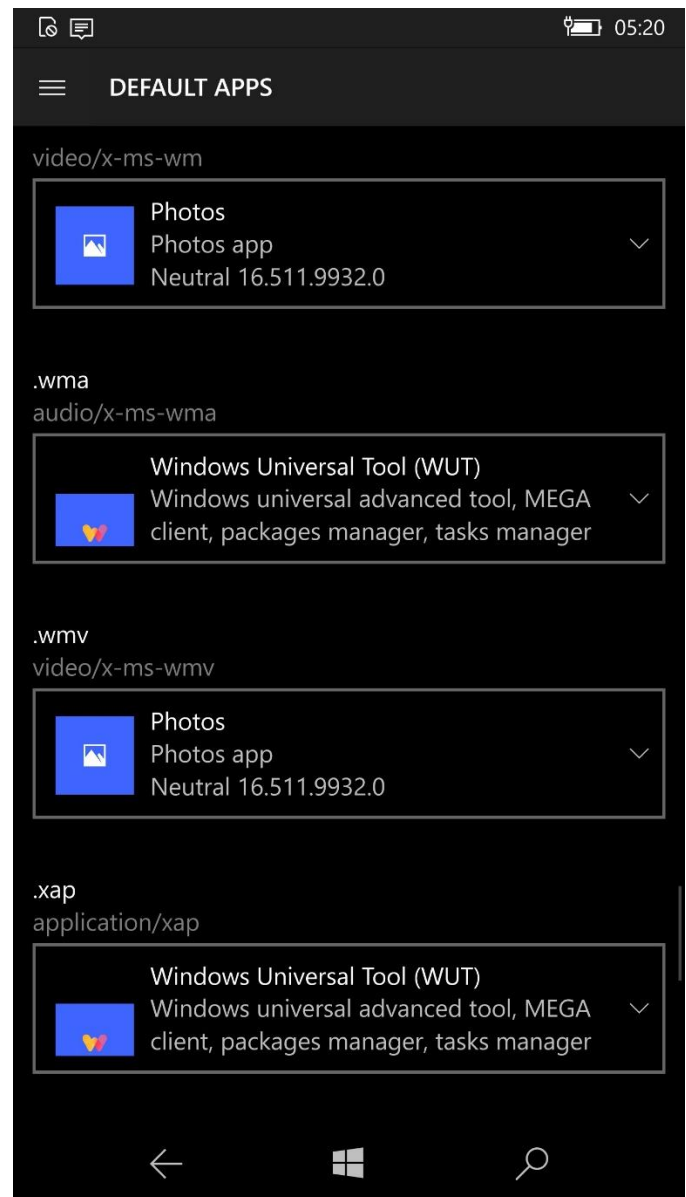


Then **restart your phone** to apply the changes.



> Once the phone boots back, go to Default Apps section in Interop Tools applications (As in here)

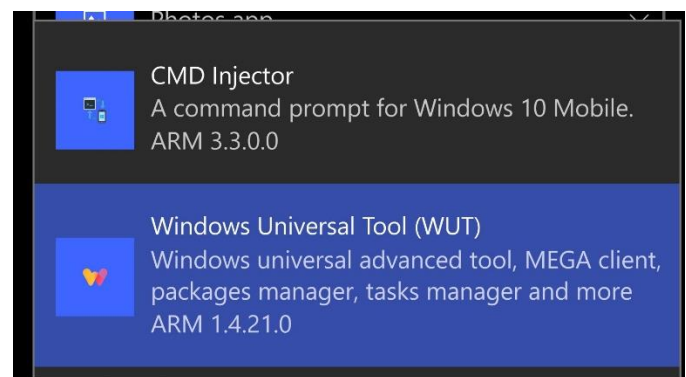
> Swipe to the bottom of the page & you will now see the extension you just added along with the default app already assigned.



You are now able to even change it right from there just as you do normally!

Do the same procedure for other file types you want to add.

Enjoy!





BONUS: Default application REG files

These are completely optional.

Because these REG files are created just to make the above process of manually setting default apps easier for certain file types with fixed default applications.

Grab the REG file/s you need from the below links.



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8Zip (Zip, Rar & 7z).reg

468.00 B

*The **Default app is the starting word/s** (In the above example: 8ZIP application)*

*The **Assigned File types are in the brackets** (In the above example: **ZIP, RAR, 7Z** extensions are assigned)*

Quick Access

Repositories

Microsoft Store

Unsplash

Default Applications

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!Readme.txt
785.00 B

TXT

8Zip (Zip, Rar & 7z).reg
468.00 B

REG

App_Installer (Appx & Appxbundle).reg
227.00 B

REG

NotepadX (Txt, Rtf, XML).reg
476.00 B

REG

VLC (Mkv).reg
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REG

WUT (XAP).reg
280.00 B

REG

Xodo (PDF).reg
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REG



Credits

- ✓ Gustave Monce for Interop Tools

That's all to cover in this guide!

THANK YOU!!

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